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Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive in Westland during a celebration beginning at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6.

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# Officials decline suggested pay hike

There will be no pay increase for elected officials in Canton Township.

The members of the board of trustees unanimously rejected proposed annual pay increases for themselves, suggesting the funds be used for township services.

The board members, however, approved an across-the-board 2 percent pay increase for the 78 non-union employees in the township.

Wages for the elected officials had been reduced by 5 percent about a year ago by the previous board members after a study of comparable wages for elected officials in surrounding communities.

> *Williams said the raises recognize the efforts of the employees, many of whom took pay cuts to help stabilize the budget during the recession.*

Currently, Supervisor Pat Williams is paid $116,295; Treasurer Dian Slavens and Clerk Michael Siegrist are each paid $99,586, and the part-time trustees, John Anthony, Sommer Foster, Anne Marie Graham-Hudak and Steven Sneideman are each paid $12,214 annually.

Slavens was strongly against the proposed increase as was Anthony who called the action "fiscally responsible."

Foster, too, noted that the pay increase seemed inappropriate while the township was attempting to find funding for infrastructure repairs.

The last pay increase for the elected officials was 3 percent and was implemented in January of 2016, according to Finance and Budget Director Wendy Trumbull. That was offset, however, when the board subsequently reduced their wages by 5 percent which was a savings of about $19,151 annually.

Wages for non-union employees in the township range from $26,527 to $136,946 for senior department heads. The 2 percent was the same raise negotiated for union employees.

Williams said the raises recognize the efforts of the employees, many of whom took pay cuts to help stabilize the budget during the recession. The raises were recommended to the board by the merit commission.

# Fond farewell

## Official retires after 4 decades of public service

It's not often that a city council meeting ends with applause.

The Romulus City Council meeting did last week, however, when Councilwoman Linda Choate closed it out.

"...and I vote yes," said Choate, "and we stand adjourned."

Council President John Barden had yielded the gavel to Choate for a special reason-it was her final city council meeting, capping a career with the city that spanned more than four decades.

"I loved every minute of it," she said. "Every day and every minute. It's just time for me to move on."

Choate started working for the city in the summer of 1973-almost by accident.

"The first time I came into this building, I was a volunteer working for muscular dystrophy. A couple of hours later, I walked out a city employee," she said with a chuckle. "I don't know what happened. It was like I was ambushed."

Choate worked in the city clerk's office and, in 1978 was appointed to deputy clerk. Five years later, she and a young William Wadsworth decided to run for office.

Romulus City Council President John Barden leads a round of applause for retiring Linda R. Choate who is leaving public service after 36 years.

"A lot of people told us we couldn't win, but we definitely showed them," said Wadsworth who, like Choate, has served in an elected capacity for 34 years.

Choate spent 26 years as the city clerk, retiring about eight years ago, when she ran for the part-time office of city council, instead. She won that election easily, and a subsequent one four years later.

Wadsworth, who was reelected Nov. 7, said her wisdom and experience would be missed behind the dais.

"You're a credit to this town," he told her, adding: "she's a dedicated clerk and her record speaks for itself."

"I am so pleased to have had a chance to work with you over the last four years," added Councilwoman Sylvia Makowski. "I learned a great deal."

Choate was also instrumental in the ongoing revitalization of the Romulus Memorial Cemetery. She served on the cemetery board and was a hands-on member at clean-up events and fundraisers.

"We wouldn't be anywhere if it wasn't for her," said Jan Lemmon, chair of the cemetery board. "We all always remember all your years in this city. Nobody will ever forget Linda Choate."

Council President John Barden said she was a steady presence in city hall and in the council chambers.

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# Hospital will be razed

Northville Township officials have approved a $5.9 million contract for demolition of the former Northville Psychiatric Hospital on Seven Mile Road.

The contract to demolish the main hospital building was awarded to the Adamo Group, based in Detroit, which will establish a work site on the 350-acre property this month, according to township officials.

The hospital has been closed for more than 15 years and the 350-acre property has not been occupied and has become referred to by officials as an eyesore, with broken windows, asbestos contamination and overgrown plantings. The multi-story building has also been a regular source of calls to the Northville Township Police Department as trespassers invaded the building, particularly during Halloween. More than 400 trespassers have been arrested this year at the property.

"For years, these buildings have created blight and have been a significant drain on public safety resources," noted Township Supervisor Bob Nix. He added that the demolition of the property has been his priority since taking office in 2012. He said that following an aggressive asbestos abatement plan the building should be razed and the demolition complete by fall of 2018.

The contract will be funded by an arrangement for the development of the Robert Scott Correctional Facility property at Five Mile and Beck Road. The township purchased the former women's prison from the state and then sold the land to Redico, a company currently building a mixed-use development on the 53-acres. The township realized about $5.1 million from the sale of the prison site after a pre-agreed split with the state.

Northville Township acquired the hospital property in 2009 when township voters agreed to a special tax to buy the site for $23.5 million for the development of recreational facilities. A separate 80 acres of former hospital property at

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# Hearing set on hazardous wells

The owners of the hazardous waste wells in Romulus are seeking a permit to increase the pressure at which they inject the materials into the ground.

The wells are owned by Environmental Geo-Technologies, LLC, and the company is requested a permit from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to increase the velocity at which the treated waste matter is injected nearly a mile beneath the surface of the site. The wells, located at 28740 Citrin Dr. in Romulus, have been the subject of controversy for more than two decades.

The wells were closed temporarily when federal inspectors found safety violations at the site, but were granted permission to reopen when the hazards were mediated.

> *The stakes are high and I hope residents and business owners will take the time to attend this meeting and voice their opinions.*

The federal authorities have scheduled a public meeting regarding the sought-after permit from the well owners from 5:30-7 p.m. Nov. 29 at the Romulus Athletic Center, 35765 Northline Road.

A public hearing during which residents can comment on the proposed injection pressure increase will follow from 7-8 p.m.

Wayne County Commissioner Raymond Basham is hoping southeast Michigan residents will attend the Nov. 29 meeting to

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INKSTER - PLYMOUTH

# Officials add 'administration fee' to tax bills

Plymouth Township officials have approved a 1-percent administration fee to be added to tax bills beginning next month.

The new fee approved by a 4-3 vote of the board was proposed by Treasurer Mark Clinton. Supervisor Kurt Heise, Clerk Jerry Vorva and Trustee Gary Heitman voted in favor of the measure while trustees Chuck Curmi, Bob Doroshewitz and Jack Dempsey opposed adding the fee to tax bills.

The new fee is expected to cost average homeowners about $43 annually while businesses will pay more. The fee is expected to generate $630,000 annually, Clinton said. The fee is a means to offset the costs of preparing tax bills, assessing property taxes, collecting tax levies and combating property tax appeals, he added, and is "encouraged by the state."

Clinton said that the fee would allow money in the general fund to be used for other township expenses, such as public safety.

Curmi, who opposed the measure, said the new fee was "really a tax increase." He added that it was a tax that the township could levy without a vote of the residents. Dempsey, who also opposed the fee, suggested that the township attempt to cut some more expenses before imposing the new charge.

> *Curmi, who opposed the measure, said the new fee was "really a tax increase." He added that it was a tax that the township could levy without a vote of the residents.*

Heise, however, said that surrounding communities impose the fee to offset costs in the assessor and treasurer's offices and that "almost every township in Michigan does it."

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# Murder suspect arrested

A 41-year-old Ypsilanti man has been arrested and charged with first degree murder in the shooting death of an Inkster man.

Lonnie Edward Hodges, III of Ypsilanti was arraigned in 22nd District Court Nov. 7 on the murder charge, as well as one count of possession of a firearm by a felon and one count of felony firearm.

The judge ordered that he be held without bond.

According to Michigan State Police, Hodges shot 34-year-old Mickael James Easterling several times Nov. 1, leaving him to die next to his GMC Yukon in the driveway of his home in the 28000 block of Parkwood Street in Inkster.

Police said the motive in the crime may have been a "domestic issue."

According to state records, Hodges has an extensive criminal history dating back to 1997, including convictions for assault with intent to do great bodily harm, auto theft, assault with a dangerous weapon and bank robbery. He was released from prison in February of 2015.

# Seniors celebrate holiday

The Inkster Commission on Aging Annual Christmas Party is planned for 11:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 4.

Tickets are limited. For more information, call (313) 561-2382. Sales will begin Nov. 15.

**Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings – November 7, 2017**

A regular study session meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday November 7 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Williams called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Roll Call** Members Present: Anthony, Foster (Arrived at 5:01 p.m.), Graham-Hudak, Siegrist, Slavens, Sneideman, Williams Members Absent: None Staff Present: Director Hohenberger, Amy Hamilton, Jon LaFever, Guests: Bill Tesen and several other members of the Commission for Culture, Arts & Heritage Jill Engel from the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Anthony, supported by Sneideman to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. **STUDY SESSION: TOPIC 1: Update-Downtown Development Authority** Amy Hamilton presented a PowerPoint providing an overview of the history of the Downtown Development Authority, the members of the board, as well as the overall goals, functions, and accomplishments of the DDA. **TOPCI 2: Update-Commission for Culture, Arts & Heritage** Greg Hohenberger, with the assistance of Bill Tesen – Chairman of the commission, presented a PowerPoint providing an overview of the history and vision of the Commission for Culture, Arts & Heritage, as well as the overall goals, functions, and accomplishments of the commission. **TOPCI 3: Update-Partnership for the Arts and Humanities** Jill Engel presented a PowerPoint providing an overview of the history Partnership for the Arts and Humanities, the members of the board, as well as the overall goals, functions, and accomplishments of the Partnership. Additionally Ms. Engel covered the progress of reconstruction/renovation of the Village Arts Factory, Warehouse, and Dormitory, as well as their potential uses. Complete copies of the PowerPoint presentations are available through the Clerk's office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188, during regular business hours, or by contacting the Secretary to the Clerk at 734-394-5120. **ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:** None **OTHER:** Clerk Siegrist reminded the board important dates in the community. November 11, 2017, will be the 242nd birthday of the Marine Corps, the Salute to Service event will place at the Village Theater, and November 11 is also Veterans Day. **ADJOURN:** Motion by Anthony, supported by Siegrist to adjourn at 6:09 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. _____**Michael A. Siegrist, Clerk** _____ **Pat Williams, Supervisor**

Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the Clerk's office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188, 734-394-5120, during regular business hours or be accessed through our web site www.canton-mi.org after Board Approval.

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON**
**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA**
**DECEMBER 14, 2017**

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2017 at 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held in the Board Room at the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188.

**7:00 P.M.**

**Call to Order**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call:** Jim Cisek, Vicki Welty, Craig Engel, Cathryn Colthurst and Greg Greco. Alternate: Gregory Demopoulos

**Approval of Agenda**

**Approval of Minutes: November 9th, 2017 Minutes**

**General Calendar:**

1. Applicant Michael and Mary Tusing for property located at 1370 Clavey Court on the north side of Saltz Road between Saltz and Clavey Court, Zoning R-4 appealing Article V Fences, Walls and Boarders, Section 78-129 (g) Location Generally; Section 78-131 4.c. Zoning District Restrictions, Partition Fences and Walls, Culs-de-Sac. Parcel ID 71-058-02-0113-000 (Building)

Written comments need to be submitted prior to 4:00 PM on the date of the hearing. All written comments must be sent to the Charter Township of Canton, Clerk's Office, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188, Phone 734-394-5120.

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON**
**ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS**

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with disabilities who require special accommodations, auxiliary aids or services to attend participate at the meeting/hearing should contact
Kerreen Conley, Human Resources Manager, at 734-394-5260.
Reasonable accommodations can be made with advance notice.
A complete copy of the Access to Public Meetings Policy is available at www.canton-mi.org

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON**
**ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS**

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

*Employment:* The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

*Effective Communication:* The Charter Township of Canton will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

*Modifications to Policies and Procedures:* The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260.

The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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**Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings – November 14, 2017**

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday November 14, 2017 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Williams called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Motion by Anthony, supported by Sneideman to move from open session to closed session at 6:00 p.m. under section 8(e) of the Open Meetings Act for the purpose of discussion of confidential legal opinions. Motion carried unanimously. **6:00 P.M.: CLOSED SESSION – TO DISCUSS LEGAL OPINIONS Roll Call** Members Present: Anthony, Foster, Graham-Hudak, Siegrist, Slavens, Sneideman, Williams Members Absent: None Staff Present: Kristin Kolb, Director Trumbull Motion by Anthony, supported by Sneideman to move from closed session to open session at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. **Roll Call** Members Present: Anthony, Foster, Graham-Hudak, Siegrist, Slavens, Sneideman, Williams Members Absent: None Staff Present: Director Hohenberger, Director Faas, Director Trumbull, Kristin Kolb Staff Absent: Director Meier Supervisor Williams reconvened the Open Meeting at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Sneideman, supported by Anthony to amend the agenda to remove Item G-13 - Approve Agreement for Construction of Patriot Park Access Driveway, and to add Item G-13A – Consider Request of Corporation Counsel and Authorize to Proceed as Directed Regarding a Labor Matter and Item G13B - Consider Request of Corporation Counsel and Authorize to Proceed as Directed Regarding the Hamlet Pond. Motion carried unanimously. **Approval of Minutes** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to approve the Board Meeting Minutes of October 24, 2017 as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to approve the Board Study Session Minutes of November 2, 2017 as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to approve the Board Study Session Minutes of November 7, 2017 as presented. Motion carried unanimously. **Citizen's Non-Agenda Item Comments:** George Miller, 1946 Briarfield, commented on the watermain replacement project on Briarfield. Charles Geller, 51138 Scarborough, commented on his personal water bill and the township's billing methods. Supervisor Williams and Director Faas explained the factors that are used to configure the water/sewer rates will be affected in the future. Rami Farhat, 44451 Fair Oaks Drive, commented regarding a water pipe bursting in his home while he was not home, requesting the township's assistance in paying his water bill. Treasurer Slavens commented the township is not able to use Taxpayer dollars to pay his personal water bill. Treasurer Slavens agreed to a separate meeting with Mr. Farhat to discuss his options. **RECOGNITION: Recognition of John Burdziak** Supervisor Williams acknowledged former trustee John Burdziak and his contributions to the community. Motion by Siegrist, supported by Anthony to enter the following proclamation into the public record. Motion carried unanimously. **Proclamation in Recognition and Honor of John Burdziak WHEREAS,** John served as a Canton Trustee for 13 years and his tenure on the board was marked with great progress in the Canton Community; and **WHEREAS,** John also served on the Planning Commission, Tax Board of Review and the Zoning Board of Appeals for Canton Township; and **WHEREAS,** John also got involved in committee work as a member of the Recreation Advisory Committee, Transportation Advisory Committee and the DDA; and **WHEREAS,** John's heart for service extended beyond the business of Township administration as he served in other areas of Canton Township as President of the Homeowners Association at both Windsor Park and the Vistas III, and also volunteered his time to the Canton Goodfellows and First Step; and **WHEREAS,** John was a true community leader and should be looked to as an example for those who are coming up to help guide Canton Township's future; and **WHEREAS,** We are honored to recognize his work today as he served his community with dignity, respect, dedication and commitment. **NOW, THEREFORE I,** Pat Williams, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Supervisor of the Charter Township of Canton, do hereby honor John Burdziak for his many years of service to our community. **IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Canton Township to be affixed this 14th day of November, 2017. ___ SEAL Attest: Signed **Payment of the Bills:** Motion by Slavens, supported by Sneideman to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously. **CONSENT CALENDAR: Item C-1. Establish Board of Trustees Meeting Dates For 2018. (Clerk)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Anthony to establish the Canton Township Board of Trustees meeting schedule for the year 2018 as follows: first, second, third, fourth, and fifth Tuesday of each month for the Charter Township of Canton. Regular Meetings of the Board will be held at 7:00 p.m. and Study Session Meetings at 6:00 p.m. Meetings are held in the Charter Township of Canton Administration Building, Board of Trustees meeting room, First Floor, 1150 Canton Center South, Canton, Michigan. Meetings may be cancelled to coordinate with election dates as scheduled for 2018. All adjustments to this schedule to be posted individually. Motion carried unanimously. **GENERAL CALENDAR: Item G-1. Consideration of First Reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 90 of The Canton Code Of Ordinances, Sec. 90-93, The Cherry Hill Historic District, by Clarifying the Parcel Identification Number Of Properties Identified as "Contributing" to the District and to Attach a Map of the District as Referenced in the Ordinance. (CLS)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman introduce and hold the first reading an ordinance amending Chapter 90, Sec. 90-93, the Cherry Hill Historic District, to amend and clarify the parcel identification by numbers for the homes listed as contributing to the District, and further to attach a map of the historic district as referenced in the ordinance. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Siegrist, supported by Foster table for consideration an ordinance amending Chapter 90, Sec. 90-93, the Cherry Hill Historic District, to amend and clarify the parcel identification by numbers for the homes listed as contributing to the District, and further to attach a map of the historic district as referenced in the ordinance and hold a second reading on November 28, 2017. Motion carried unanimously. **Item G-2. Consider Approval of Wage Increase for Merit (Full-Time, Non-Union) Employees for the 2018 Fiscal Year. (Supervisor)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to approve the proposed 2.0% across the board wage scale increase for Merit Employees for the 2018 fiscal year, as recommended by the Merit Commission at their meeting of October 30, 2017. Motion carried unanimously. **Item G-3. Consider Approval of Wage Increase for Elected Officials for the 2018 Fiscal Year. (Supervisor)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Anthony to approve a 2% wage increase for the Canton Township Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer and Trustees to be effective January 1, 2018. Motion failed by a vote of 7 to 0. **Item G-4. Consider Increasing Blanket Purchase Order for Dominic's Cement Works. (MSD)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to approve an increase of $15,000 from water account #592- 536.930_0050 to blanket Purchase Order #2017-00000025, for Dominic's Cement Works to cover costs of needed concrete repairs due to emergency infrastructure repairs. Motion carried unanimously. **Item G-5. Consider Approval of a 2017 Budget Amendment for the Document Scanning Project and Increase Blanket P.O. #2017-00002296 to ARC Document Solutions. (MSD)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to approve an increase the blanket P.O. to ARC Document Solutions in the amount of $22,340 for the additional scanning that is required to complete the Commercial Plans Scanning (Phase 1) undertaken by Municipal Services for the On-Base document retention project. Motion carried unanimously. **Item G-6. Consider Approval of Payment of the Annual Software License Fees to Kiriworks for the On-Base Document Management System. (MSD)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to approve payment of $12,430, for the annual software license fees to Kiriworks for the On-Base document management system. Motion carried unanimously. **Item G-7. Consider Approval of a Letter of Intent to Purchase Real Estate & Authorize Real Estate Purchase Agreement for 2.44 Acres of Vacant Property on Proctor Road. (MSD)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to authorize the Township Supervisor to sign the letter of intent and execute the final purchase agreement for 2.44 acres of vacant property with Livonia Builders Sheffield Park, LLC for an amount of $183,000. Motion carried unanimously. **Item G-8. Consider Request to Create and Fill the Marketing Specialist Position. (CLS)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to create and fill the position of Marketing Specialist, Salary Grade 3. Motion carried unanimously. **Item G-9. Consider Approval to Replace Fiber Link Between the Administration Building and the Summit on the Park. (CLS)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to waive the bid process and authorize the Supervisor to sign the contract for the Replacement of Fiber Link between the Administration Building and the Summit on The Park including the split off component with Western Tel-Com in the amount of $35,012 to be paid from Cable TV Fund Account # 230-250.970_0010 – Capital Outlay Computers and Equipment and $7,480 form Account # 101-270-50.970_0080 Capital Outlay Land Improvements. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to approved the following budget amendment: Decrease Expense: 230-250.990 Transfer to Fund Balance $35,012 Increase Expenses: 230-250.970_0010 Capital Outlay Computers & Equip $35,012 Motion carried unanimously. **Item G-10. Consider Authorization of Projects for Pond Bank Stabilization Project. (CLS)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Anthony to authorize the Supervisor to sign the contract for the Summit and Pheasant Run Hole # 10 Pond Bank Reconstruction with JSS-Macomb LLC, 48228 Conifer Drive, Shelby Twp., MI 48315 in the amount of $125,500. Funds to be paid from Account #101-270-50.970_0080 Parks Capital Outlay Land Improvement ($79,338) and Account #584-756-50.970_0030 Pheasant Run Capital Outlay Machinery and Equipment ($46,162). Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to approve the amount of $24,500 to Reliable Landscaping, Inc., 8285 Lilley Rd, Canton MI 48187 for the installation of a new irrigation system for the planned reconstructed Summit pond bank to be paid from Account #101-270-50.970_0080, Parks Capital Outlay Land Improvement. Motion carried unanimously. **Item G-11. IT Services – Renewal of CivicPlus Website Hosting Services. (FBD)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to approve a purchase order in the amount not to exceed $15,738.60 payable to CivicPlus Inc. for a renewal of hosting services, software support and maintenance services provided by CivicPlus covering a period of one (1) year. Motion carried unanimously. **Item G-12. Consider Adopting Resolution Creating the Canton Cares Fund of the Canton Community Foundation and Appointing the Initial Advisory Committee. (CLS)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman approve the following resolution creating the Canton Cares Fund of the Canton Community Foundation and appointing members to the Advisory Committee. Motion carried unanimously. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON RESOLUTION CREATING THE "CANTON CARES FUND" OF THE CANTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AND APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE R E C I T A T I O N S:** Canton Township sponsors a number of events throughout the year aimed at assisting and benefitting various groups in the community, including, but not limited to, seniors, veterans, youths, the handicapped, residents undergoing times of crisis, and recognizing Township employees. However, because of constitutional and legal limitations on the use of public funds, Canton Township cannot always contribute financially towards these beneficial programs. Many times, generous businesses and residents contribute money, services, and goods towards these programs; however, currently, they are not tax deductible contributions for the donor. In the interest of ensuring future support for these programs, and to offer an incentive for donors, Canton Township, as proposed by Supervisor Williams, desires to create a fund through the Canton Community Foundation to accept donations in support of the various programs offered by the Township. The Canton Community Foundation ("CCF") has agreed to receive, hold and manage funds for the benefit of certain, agreed-upon purposes as set forth in an agreement between Canton Township and the CCF. In accordance with the agreement, an independent advisory committee shall be formed, and which shall be charged with the responsibility to ensure donated funds are allocated in accordance with the mission of the fund. NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY AGREED AS FOLLOWS: The "Canton Cares Fund" is hereby approved to be created as a designated fund of the Canton Community Foundation. The Township Supervisor is hereby authorized to sign the Donor Fund Agreement on behalf of Canton Township. An Advisory Committee is hereby created to administer the Canton Cares Fund, and solicit, accept and make determinations on the use of funds donated, in accordance with the mission and bylaws of the Canton Cares Fund. Members of the Advisory Committee shall be recommended by the Township, Supervisor and confirmed by the Township Board. The Supervisor recommends the following individuals be appointed as the initial members to the Advisory Committee for the stated terms: Jessica Bunjik- One Year initial term Laura Mortier- Two Years initial term Kim Scartelli- Two Years initial term Nadia Mekled- Three Years initial term Kristina Wilson- Three Years initial term Following expiration of the initial terms, all terms on the Advisory Committee shall be for three (3) years. The Advisory Committee shall hold an organizational meeting as soon as practicable and elect a chair, vice-chair, and a secretary, and adopt Bylaws, notice of which shall be transmitted to both the Canton Community Foundation and the Township Board. The Advisory Committee shall report annually to the Township Board on the status of the Canton Cares Fund, which report shall be due 60 days following the close of the calendar year. **CERTIFICATION** I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on the 14th day of November, 2017 and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will or have been made available as required by said Act. Michael Siegrist, Clerk Dated: November 14, 2017. **Item G-13. Approve Agreement for Construction of Patriot Park Access Driveway. (CLS)** Removed by amendment to the agenda. **Item G-13A. Consider Request of Corporation Counsel and Authorize to Proceed as Directed Regarding a Labor Matter** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to authorize the Township Attorney to proceed in accordance with the direction of the Board regarding a labor matter as discussed in closed session. Motion carried unanimously. **Item G-13B. Consider Request of Corporation Counsel and Authorize to Proceed as Directed Regarding the Hamlet Pond.** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to authorize the Township Attorney to proceed in accordance with the direction of the Board regarding the Hamlet pond as discussed in closed session. Motion carried unanimously. **ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:** None **OTHER:** Director Hohenberger invited the board to participate in the Turkey Trot for a Cause on November 23rd. Hohenberger reminded the board of the Underwater Bubble Show on November 25th at the Village Theater. Performances will be 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Clerk Siegrist commented November 16th will be a celebration at Gallimore School in Canton commemorating their receiving the National Ranking of Blue Ribbon Status. More information is available at https://nationalblueribbonschools.ed.gov/awardwinners/. **ADJOURN:** Motion by Anthony, supported by Sneideman to adjourn at 8:07 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. _____**Michael A. Siegrist, Clerk** _____**Pat Williams, Supervisor**

Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the Clerk's office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188, 734-394-5120, during regular business hours or be accessed through our web site www.canton-mi.org after Board Approval.

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WAYNE - WESTLAND

# 'Tis the season

## Communities plan holiday tree lightings, Santa visits

### In Wayne

The official holiday tree lighting ceremony in Wayne is planned for 5:30-8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2 at the Wayne Historical Museum.

The event, part of the Holiday Night at the Museum, is being organized by members of the Wayne Historical Society. The evening will include the tree lighting performed this year by local Realtor Pat Rice, the 2017 winner of the Diamond of the Community Award in the city.

Santa Claus will arrive in a horse-drawn wagon and be presented the key to the city. He will then be available to pose for photographs with are children. There will be crafts for youngsters and the Wayne Memorial High School Marching Band and Choir will entertain along with music groups from several local churches. A petting farm will be on site during the event and wagon rides will be available.

Cookies and hot chocolate will be served around a Community Fire Pit.

Last year, between 600-800 people attended the event, noted Ann Podolski Zimmerman, president of the Wayne Historical Society. Of that estimated total, about 250-300 were children, she added.

Donations are now being sought to help fund the event and those who contribute will be listed as a community partner during the event, in promotional materials and all social media communications used to promote the event, estimated to cost about $6,000

Several levels of sponsorship are available, included the diamond level contribution of $2,500, emerald level contribution of $1,000 and sapphire level donation of $500. Ruby level contributions of sponsorship are available at $250 and pearl level sponsors donate $100. Any money donated that exceed the expenditures this year will be used as seed money for the event next year, Poldolski-Zimmerman said. Gifts for children to be used as prizes for ticket drawings are also being sought.

Donations can be mailed to the Wayne Historical Society, P.O. Box 486, Wayne, Michigan 48184. Checks should be made payable to The Wayne Historical Society.

### In Westland

Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive in Westland during a celebration beginning at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6.

The annual Deck the City Hall celebration will begin the holiday season in the city, officials said, when residents and guests gather in front of city hall to sing Christmas carols and welcome Santa and Mrs. Claus. Cookies and hot cocoa will be served in city hall after the couple helps Mayor William R. Wild light the official Christmas tree and city hall grounds. There will also be interactive dance activities in order to promote the Westland Healthy City Initiative and children can write out their lists for Santa and put them in Santa's Mailbox that goes direct to the North Pole.

Children will also have a chance to visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus. As part of the Westland Compassionate City Initiative, anyone who brings a $5 per child or $10 per family monetary donation for "Shop with a Hero" or an unwrapped toy for the Westland Goodfellows toy drive will get a Fast Pass to see Santa and will be able to skip the line.

There will be overflow parking available at JCPenney at Westland Shopping Center and free shuttle buses will be provided.

The City of Westland is also holding a holiday poster contest for kids. Westland residents or Wayne Westland School District students grades K - 6 are asked to make a poster with the theme, "What an All American Winter Holiday Looks Like to Me." Posters should be turned in to the office at their school, no later than Nov. 27. Contest entries will be displayed in the City Hall Art Gallery where visitors will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite. First prize for the contest is a guaranteed white holiday, with a truck of snow being delivered to the winner's home. Second and third place finishers will win free movie tickets and passes to Airtime Trampoline and Game Park.

For those who cannot attend the "Deck the City Hall" event, letters to Santa can be dropped off at Santa's Mailbox at Westland City Hall from Nov. 28 to Dec. 8.

# Wayne prepares for national Shop Local Saturday

This holiday season Wayne Main Street is reminding shoppers to think small and shop local. The organization is spearheading Small Business Saturday initiative in downtown Wayne, which will take place on Saturday, Nov. 25.

The day will begin with an event from 10 a.m. until noon at Karma Coffee & Kitchen, 35634 W. Michigan Ave. Participants will be able to pick up a free "shop small" tote and other Small Business Saturday swag. Wayne Main Street will also be giving away gift cards that can be used at local businesses and other promotional materials. The event is free to attend and the first 100 people to register will receive a free small coffee from Karma Coffee.

Following the morning event, participants are invited to visit the more than 20 participating stores in downtown Wayne. Designer Wearhouse, Leo's Jewelry, Helium Studio, Northside Hardware, and Puffer Reds, and many others are among the businesses participating in the event this year.

More information, including a link to register for the kick off event, can be found at downtownwayne.org/smallbizsaturday.

For many retailers in Wayne, Small Business Saturday has a significant impact on their bottom line.

"Shopping in downtown Wayne is a great way to get amazing gifts for your friends and family, while supporting local Wayne businesses and establishments," commented Kaitlynn Riley, Wayne Main Street board member.

Started in 2010, by American Express and the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Small Business Saturday is a nationwide shopping event aimed at supporting small businesses and traditional downtown retail districts such as downtown Wayne by encouraging people to shop local. Small Business Saturday complements some of the other shopping events that take place throughout the holiday season, including Black Friday and Cyber Monday.

For more information, contact Wayne Main Street at director@downtownwayne.org, call (734) 629-6822, or visit downtownwayne.org.

## MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**November 6, 2017**

Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd. Romulus, MI 48174

**The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem John Barden.**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call:** Kathleen Abdo, John Barden, Linda Choate, Harry Crout, Sylvia Makowski, Celeste Roscoe, William Wadsworth.

**Administrative Officials in Attendance:**

LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
Stacy Paige, Treasurer

**1.** Moved by **Makowski,** seconded by **Roscoe** to accept the agenda as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

**17-364 2A.** Moved by **Crout** seconded by **Abdo** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on October 23, 2017 **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

**17-365 2B.** Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Abdo** to approve the minutes of the special meeting of the Romulus City Council held on October 23, 2017; Open Session, Aerotropolis Proposal to Revised Interlocal Agreement; Closed Session, Attorney Opinion. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

**3A. Petitioner: None.**

**4. Chairperson's Report:**

Mayor John Barden presented awards for the Scarecrow Contest: first prize, Fire Department; second prize, Boy Scouts Troop 872; third prize, Romulus Library. Councilman Crout announced that "Helping Hands" is in need of turkey donations for Thanksgiving.

**4.** Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Makowski** to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

**5. Mayor's Report:**

**17-366 5A.** Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Crout** to concur with the administration to re-appoint Maria Lambert, Debbie Hoffman, Julie Wojtylko, Cynthia Keleman, Ellen Craig-Bragg, Lynn Conway and Merrie Druyor to the Romulus Arts Council with all terms to expire on November 11, 2019. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

**17-367 5A1.** Moved by **Makowski,** seconded by **Choate** to concur with the administration to appoint resident Lauren Wilhide to the Romulus Arts Council with a term to expire on November 11, 2019. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

**17-368 5A2.** Moved by **Makowski,** seconded by **Roscoe** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of William "Billy" Campbell. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

**17-369 5B.** Moved by **Makowski,** seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into the Tax Increment Revenue Collection and Retention Agreement between the City of Romulus and the Local Development Finance Authority of the Detroit Region Aerotropolis Development Corporation **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

**17-370 5C.** Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Abdo** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into the Aerotropolis Development Area and Tax Increment Revenue Collection and Retention Agreement. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

**17-371 5D.** Moved by **Makowski,** seconded by **Wadsworth** to concur with the administration and authorize the proposal from WH Canon for holiday lighting along the Merriman Road corridor (from I-94 to Leonardo's) with the price not to exceed $6,655.00. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

**17-372 5E.** Moved by **Choate,** seconded by **Crout** to concur with the administration and approve the proposed Sub-Recipient Agreement between the City of Romulus and Wayne County for the expenditure of Community Development Block Grant Funds. Term July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2022, pending revision of the agreement to reflect Workers' Compensation language agreement not to exceed $500,000. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

**17-373 5F.** Moved by **Makowski,** seconded by **Choate** to concur with the administration and authorize the change order for additional services proposed by OHM associated with the CDBG Fire Station Rehab Project in an amount not to exceed $38,512.50. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

**17-374 5G.** Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Abdo** to concur with the administration to increase the Building Department's overtime account for increased workload due to several new large developments. The expenses are offset with revenues from permit fees.

| FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO. | ACCOUNT NAME | CURRENT BUDGET | AMENDMENT | AMENDED BUDGET |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **General Fund** | | | | |
| 101-371-477.000 | Building Permits/City Certs | 725,000 | 51,810 | 776,810 |
| **Expenditures:** | | | | |
| 101-371-710.000 | Building Safety - Overtime | 16,000 | 50,000 | 66,000 |
| 101-371-715.000 | Building Safety-Social Security | 31,260 | 750 | 32,010 |
| 101-371-715.001 | Building Safety – Medicare | 7,320 | 720 | 8,040 |
| 101-371-722.000 | Building Safety-Worker's Comp | 4,060 | 340 | 4,400 |

To increase the Building Department's overtime account for increased workload due to several new large developments. The expenses are offset with revenues from permit fees. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

**17-375 5H.** Moved by **Makowski,** seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration to increase the project budget to cover additional costs with the Vining Road/Ecorse Road improvements (reimbursement funds received and deposited).

| FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO. | ACCOUNT NAME | CURRENT BUDGET | AMENDMENT | AMENDED BUDGET |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Vining Road Ext-Ecorse Rd. Construction** | | | | |
| **Expenditures:** | | | | |
| 402-000-980.001 | Project Costs | 2,266,000 | 1,271,290 | 3,537,290 |
| **Revenues:** | | | | |
| 402-000-674.297 | Contribution from Others | 2,266,000 | 1,271,290 | 3,537,290 |

To increase the project budget to cover additional costs with the Vining Road/Ecorse Road improvements (reimbursement funds received and deposited). **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

**17-376 5I** Moved by **Choate,** seconded by **Makowski** to concur with the administration to adjust budgeted expenditures amounts based on Wayne County's Sub-Recipient Agreement received October 27, 2017.

| FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO. | ACCOUNT NAME | CURRENT BUDGET | AMENDMENT | AMENDED BUDGET |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Comm. Dev. Block Grant** | | | | |
| **Revenuue:** | | | | |
| 252-000-501.100 | Federal Grant Revenue | 580,472 | (15,184) | 565,288 |
| **Expenditures:** | | | | |
| 252-000.831.017 | General Admin 17-24-21A | 15,180 | (1,517) | 13,663 |
| 252-000-844.017 | Senior Services 17-24-05A | 22,770 | (2,276) | 20,494 |
| 252-000-847.017 | DWTN Fac/Rehab 17-24-14E | 20,000 | (2,000) | 18,000 |
| 252-000-887.017 | Econ Dev-Rom Fire Sta 17-24-04 | 93,860 | (9,391) | 84,469 |

To adjust budgeted expenditures amounts based on Wayne County Subrecipient Agreement received 10/27/17. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

**17-377 5J.** Moved by **Choate,** seconded by **Makowski** to concur with the administration to recognize additional program income revenue from repayment of liens and additional program income expenses.

| FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO. | ACCOUNT NAME | CURRENT BUDGET | AMENDMENT | AMENDED BUDGET |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Comm. Dev. Block Grant** | | | | |
| **Revenue:** | | | | |
| 252-000-683.000 | Program Income-Repayment Repayment of Liens | 15,000 | 14,440 | 29,440 |
| **Expenditures:** | | | | |
| 252-000-844.000 | Program Income | 10,000 | 14,440 | 24,440 |

To recognize additional program income revenue from repayment of liens and additional program income revenue expenses. (Note: This has no effect on fund balance) **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

**17-378 5K.** Moved by **Makowski,** seconded by **Choate** to concur with employee committee, the administration and legal counsel and adopt the updates to the employee policy and procedure manual – policies #3, #4, #6, #7, #8, #10, #11, #13, #15, #17, #18, #21, #22, #24; replacement policies #27 and #32 and new policy #36. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

**17-379 5L.** Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration and approve the appointment of Catherine Morse to the City of Romulus Officer Compensation Commission with a term to expire on June 24, 2019. **Motion Carried.**

**6A. Clerk's Report:**

City Clerk, Ellen Craig-Bragg, announced that November 7th is Election Day. For those voting at Halecreek and Barth Schools, they must use the front entrance. At the RAC there will be designated voters parking; and, handicap parking will be available at all locations. Election results will be available on the city website and the returns will be in after 8:00 p.m. A resident spoke about 6A6, Renters Ordinance.

**17-380 6A1.** Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Makowski** to approve second reading, final adoption of Budget Amendment 17/18-11, Brownfield Redevelopment Authority which was introduced at the Council meeting of October 23, 2017. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

**17-381 6A2.** Moved by **Choate,** seconded by **Crout** to approve second reading, final adoption of Budget Amendment 17/18-12, Vining Road Extension – Ecorse Road Construction which was introduced at the Council meeting of October 23, 2017. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

**17-382 6A3.** Moved by **Makowski,** seconded by **Wadsworth** to approve second reading, final adoption of City of Romulus Distributed Antenna Systems Ordinance (DAS). This ordinance was introduced at the Council meeting of October 23, 2017. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

**17-383 6A4.** Moved by **Makowski,** seconded by **Roscoe** to approve second reading, final adoption of City of Romulus Ordinance Chapter 36, Article V, Offenses Against Peace to add "Requirements of Property Owners or Prohibit Disorderly Persons from Use or Possession of Property." This ordinance was introduced at the Council meeting of October 23, 2017. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

**17-384 6A5.** Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Choate** to approve second reading, final adoption of City of Romulus Ordinance Chapter 58, Article II, a new section to Prevent Distracted Driving in the City of Romulus. This ordinance was introduced at the Council meeting of October 23, 2017. Discussion: Councilwoman Abdo asked for clarification of the ordinance. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

**17-385 6A6.** Moved by **Makowski,** seconded by **Choate** to approve second reading, final adoption of City of Romulus Ordinance to amend Article VII to add Sections 8-238 to 8-249 for Registration of Rental Properties in the City of Romulus. This ordinance was introduced at the Council meeting of October 23, 2017. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

**6B. Treasurer's Report:**

City Treasurer, Stacy Paige, announced that winter tax bills will be mailed out on December1st. The bills are due on February 14, 2017. For further information, call the Treasurer's Office at 734-942-7580.

**7. Public Comment:**

Romulus Flyers treasurer thanked the City for their continued support of the Flyers. A resident asked about the food pantry that was supposed to open on Merriman Road and asked about the process of getting a handicap sign in front of her house. A resident asked for a memorial resolution. A resident spoke about putting people first. A resident asked about the Distracted Driving Ordinance.

**17-386 7A.** Moved by **Makowski,** seconded by **Choate** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Cynthia M. Mulenga-Alexander. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

**8. Unfinished Business:**

Mayor Burcroff advised that he will address the handicap sign process. City Attorney, Steve Hitchcock, addressed the distracted driving inquiry.

**9. New Business:**

Councilman Wadsworth presented Councilwoman Choate with a resolution recognizing her retirement. Jan Lemmon, Chairperson, Cemetery Board of Trustees, spoke about Councilwoman Choate's dedication to the Cemetery Board of Trustees as the Council Liaison Clerk Ellen Craig-Bragg presented a gift to Councilwoman Choate for her retirement; then a video honoring Councilwoman Choate was shown in the Council Chanbers. Mayor Pro-Tem John Barden turned the meeting over to Councilwoman Choate for her to chair the rest of the meeting and she thanked everyone for all the love and support. Councilwoman Roscoe announced that Boy Scouts Troop 872 will be passing out "Can Do" bags; and, the food that is collected will be donated to Romulus residents. Councilman Wadsworth spoke about the recent loss of two outstanding citizens of the City of Romulus, Madeline Arkuski and Phil Renke.

**10. Communication:**

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**11.** Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Roscoe** to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on November 6, 2017.

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# Book Love

## Grant brings books to school library

In a world of technology and screen media, there is still something special about physically holding a book and turning the pages.

Research has found however, that there has been a steep drop off in teens reading after the age of 13.

To combat this decline, Romulus High School English teacher Jessica Whiteside and her co-teacher Jennifer Slyman have partnered with the Book Love Foundation. The non-profit organization, led by author Penny Kittle, strives to put books in the hands of students who otherwise would not have access to them.

Whiteside was the recipient of a $4,000 grant that enabled her to add nearly 500 books to her classroom library.

"It's phenomenal for our students to see that people are truly invested in their literacy. Ms. Slyman and I work so hard to show students that reading has a place in their lives. When an organization is willing to donate this magnitude of books it really speaks volumes to how invested these donors are. I have no doubt that these books will positively alter the trajectory of my students' lives, and that makes this whole project worth it," said Whiteside.

Sophomore Denora Holston assisted with the application process by writing two letters of recommendation that helped explain the need for the books to the foundation.

The Book Love grant committee receives hundreds of applicants and only selects a very small number of recipients.

"It's exciting to see the large number of books arrive. They will help to open up a new world for students my age, and that's pretty cool," said Holsten. Whiteside hopes that her students will develop a love for reading that will last a lifetime and can be passed down from generation to generation.

Romulus High School sophomore Denora Holston, left, and English teacher Jessica Whiteside admire some of the new hardcover books purchased with a Book Love grant.

For more information visit www.booklovefoundation.org.

# Belleville rejects marijuana facilities

Belleville will not be the site of compliance facilities for medical marijuana.

Members of the city council unanimously agreed to opt out of the current state laws that allow provisioning centers, growing licenses, transportation and facilities for the distribution of marijuana. City Manager Diana Kollmeyer was directed by the elected officials to prepare changes to the current zoning ordinance in the city that might allow marijuana facilities in areas zoned as industrial.

City attorney Steve Hitchcock discussed the new state laws allowing for the centers during a special meeting of the council members Nov. 13. He told the council members that under the new law, permits for the distribution of medical marijuana could be issued as early as Dec. 15. He explained that background checks by state personnel would then be completed and licenses could be granted by next spring.

Hitchcock said that the municipality in which the provisioning center was located would receive 25 percent of the 3 percent tax proposed on sales of marijuana. He noted that in Colorado, the sale of the drug brought an estimated $700 million in revenue to the state.

He suggested that Belleville might realize $20,000 in tax revenue from a center located in the city, but that the amount is speculative as the state has not announced a revenue split of the proposed tax.

Hitchcock noted that a municipality can charge $500 per facility for the added expenses of having a facility in the community, like the added police patrols that could be necessary, along with fees for a license application and necessary services.

> *"Fielder said that he did not think local patients with marijuana cards would be deprived and that they could travel to nearby locations to obtain the drug.*

Councilman Tom Fielder noted that while Hitchcock quoted sums to be made by municipalities with the marijuana outlets, he was in favor of opting out of having the facilities in Belleville. He said he believes that there are 50 to 100 Belleville residents with medical marijuana cards or permits, which might bring in $3,450 at a provisioning center. He added that he didn't think the financial potential should be a consideration in the establishment of the marijuana clinics.

Fielder said that he did not think local patients with marijuana cards would be deprived and that they could travel to nearby locations to obtain the drug.

Hitchcock noted that the legalization of recreational marijuana will be a ballot issue next year and some of the centers are preparing for the approval of that measure by voters. Should that happen, Belleville might have to repeal the current prohibitive ordinances, he advised.

# Choate

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"She was the kind of person that would make everyone comfortable," Barden said. "Everyone on the council is going to miss her. She's been very inspirational to the council, to the whole City of Romulus."

The council members thanked Choate for her years of service and provided a video tribute that was capped off with a personalized version of "The Way We Were."

Choate said she'd never forget the day she walked into city hall and her life changed. Now, she said, it will change again.

"I appreciate all the support from the community," she said. "It was the community that kept me going all these years-all the wonderful people. I've been so lucky."

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CANTON - NORTHVILLE

# Educational Foundation names new director

Christa Howley will become the executive director of the Northville Educational Foundation.

Howley, who has been working as the assistant to former director Jennifer Roosenberg, accepted the job when Roosenberg left the organization to take a position with the Oakland County Bar Association.

"We were all surprised when Jennifer gave her resignation, but after the shock wore off, I knew I wanted the opportunity to lead the NEF," said Howley.

Howley, a 14-year-resident of Northville and University of Michigan graduate, had a career in management consulting at Deloitte after earning her MBA. She took a break from her career and corporate life to raise her family.

Her volunteer work included initiating the Motor Moms & Dads Program at Ward Church preschool. With three children in the Northville school system, Howley assisted in the classroom, chaperoned field trips, monitored lunchrooms and helped with reading programs. Beyond the schools, she volunteered with and led a local Girl Scout Troop and helped with programs at her church. Howley volunteered at Northville Educational Foundation events prior to becoming the assistant director.

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Howley said she always knew that when she returned to the workplace, it would be in the non-profit sector.

"During my MBA program, I had an internship at Focus: HOPE in downtown Detroit. It was an amazing experience. After that, I knew that eventually I would end up at a non-profit. When the time was right, I started looking."

When the position of assistant at the Northville Educational Foundation became available, she applied immediately, she said.

"I love our community and our schools so when the opportunity arose to work here, I jumped on it. It is a non-profit that benefits every child in the Northville schools, including my own. It was a win-win situation. Then when Jennifer left, I approached Mark Knoth, the president, about the opportunity to become executive director."

Howley said that one of her goals is to get more people involved in the foundation activities and efforts.

"Strong schools build strong communities. We have a top-rated school district, which prepares our students to become leaders in the workplace and in our communities.

"Right now state funding for schools is not keeping up with inflation. The Northville Educational Foundation is still needed to help the district to keep pushing the needle forward," Howley said, "I would love to help make Northville schools the best in the state. Together, as a community, we can continue building strong schools."

# Canton will welcome Santa at annual breakfast

Santa Claus will arrive in Canton just in time to enjoy breakfast with families at the Summit on the Park Saturday, Dec. 2. The menu will include many breakfast items along with kid-friendly treats.

During the event, children can share their Christmas wish list with Santa while posing for pictures. Parents are encouraged to bring cameras and video equipment to capture photo opportunities. Activities include a winter craft, as well as a Christmas story time. Children will also receive a holiday souvenir, crayons, and a placemat to color.

The breakfast menu will include: buttermilk pancakes with maple syrup; chocolate chip pancakes; scrambled eggs with cheddar and chives; fresh fruit salad; country-style potatoes; cinnamon crumble coffee cake; scones; bagels with cream cheese; coffee, tea, apple juice and orange juice.

Doors open for seating and breakfast at 9 a.m. and Santa will be arriving at 9:30 a.m. Tickets will be on sale through Nov. 30 and can only be purchased at the Summit on the Park front desk, located at 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, during normal business hours. Online registration is not available.

Canton resident ticket prices are: $19.50 for ages 13 and older; $15.50 for ages 4 through 12 and $4.50 for children 3 and younger. Ticket prices for non-residents are: $23.50 for ages 13 and older; $18.50 for ages 4 through 12 and $5.50 for children 3 and younger. Table seating is reserved by table location on a first-come, first-serve basis.

For more information about the Santa Breakfast, call (734) 394-5460 or visit www.cantonfun.org.

# 'Small Works' now on sale

The Northville Art House will host the biennial Small Works Juried All-Media Exhibition featuring over 150 works by 55 artists from Michigan and around the country. The exhibition includes photography, paintings, ceramics, fibers, jewelry, and more.

All works are for sale and measure 12 inches or less in all dimensions.

The majority of art can be purchased for under $300. Purchased art will be available to take home starting Dec. 1 at the First Friday Reception from 6-9 p.m. The reception will feature appetizers, refreshments and a free make-and-take art activity led by Art House instructor Maria Latou.

The art house is open from noon until 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from noon until 4 p.m. on Saturday. The facility is located at 215 West Cady St. in Northville.

For more information, call (248) 344-0497.

# Hospital

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Seven Mile and Haggerty Road is owned by a developer and is the site of the University of Michigan Northville Health Center and several restaurants and retail stores.

The power plant at the hospital, one of more than 18 original outbuildings, has already been demolished along with another structure at the site. That work, too, included asbestos abatement and the removal of hazardous waste. The township paid about $920,000 for that work, Nix said. The contract for the demolition of the main building does not include any work at the other outbuildings.

The township, according to Nix, spends about $100,000 annually to police the property and thieves have taken valuable metals and other materials from the site. He said that those activities increased the clean-up cost of the contaminants at the site by millions of dollars.

The demolition of the building will include the two underground levels in the building. Adamo employees will fence the perimeter, install video surveillance and floodlights at the site and install a mobile office, according to a statement from Nix' office.

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**Notice of Public Hearing**
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
PLANNING COMMISSION

**PROPOSED ACTION:** Class A Non-Conforming Status Designation
**DATE OF HEARING:** Wednesday, December 13, 2017
**TIME OF HEARING:** 7:00 P.M.
**PLACE OF HEARING:** Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170
**APPLICATION NO.:** 2270-1117
**APPLICANT:** Wayne County

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Charter Township of Plymouth has received an application for a Class A Non-Conforming Status Designation at Tax ID No. R-78-018-03-0073-001, pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No. 99. The property is generally located west of Northville Road, east of Edward Hines Drive and north of M-14

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that persons interested may attend the public hearing and/or send correspondence regarding the case to Plymouth Township Hall, addressed to the Community Development Department. Pertinent information relative to the application is on file at the Plymouth Township, Community Development Department and may be viewed during regular business hours from 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the public hearing upon one weeks advance notice by writing or calling the Supervisor's Office, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170; (734) 354-3201.

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Kendra Barberena, Secretary, Planning Commission

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**Notice of Public Hearing**
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

**PROPOSED ACTION:** Amend the Text of the Charter Township of Plymouth Zoning Ordinance No. 99 by Amending Article 23: Planned Unit Development Option
**DATE OF HEARING:** Wednesday, December 13, 2017
**TIME OF HEARING:** 7:00 P.M.
**PLACE OF HEARING:** Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Plymouth, on its own motion, proposes to amend the text of the Zoning Ordinance No. 99 by amending Section 23.11: General Conditions, Sites in the ARC and OS-ARC Zoning Districts of Article 23: Planned Unit Development Option. The proposed amendment would permit hotels and motels as permitted uses for sites in the ARC district under a Planned Unit Development Option.

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**CITY OF ROMULUS**
**ORDINANCE NO. 2017-018**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF ROMULUS CODE OF ORDINANCES: TO ADD CHAPTER 52, ARTICLE VI, TO REGULATE DAS AND SIMILAR FACILITIES IN THE PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY.

THE CITY OF ROMULUS, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN HEREBY ORDAINS:

**Section 1. Purpose and Authority.**

The purpose of this ordinance is to regulate the installation of distributed antenna systems, small cell telecommunications equipment or similar data wireless network equipment in the public rights-of-way within the City. Such facilities are not "telecommunications facilities" as defined in and subject to the Metropolitan Extension Telecommunication Rights-of-Way Oversight Act. Regulation of these installations is necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare. This ordinance is adopted pursuant to the City's constitutional authority under Article VII, Section 29 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963, and authorization by law to adopt ordinances which protect the public health, safety, and general welfare of persons and property within the City.

**The full amendments to this ordinance may be viewed at the Romulus City Clerk's Office, 11111 Wayne Rd. Romulus, MI 48174, 734-942-7540.**

**CITY OF ROMULUS**
**ORDINANCE NO. 2017-019**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 36, ARTICLE V, ENTITLED OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC PEACE of the CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF ROMULUS TO ADD SECTION 36-171 REQUIREMENTS OF PROPERTY OWNERS TO PROHIBIT DISORDERLY PERSONS FROM USE OR POSSESSION OF PROPERTY.**

**THE CITY OF ROMULUS ORDAINS:**

**Section 1.** Chapter 36 Article 5 entitled Offenses against Public Peace is amended to read as follows:

**Section 36-171. - Requirements of Property Owners to Prohibit Disorderly Persons from Use or Possession of Property.**

It shall be unlawful for a property owner, after receipt of notice of such actions, to allow persons who are in violation of any of the provisions of Article V, Sections 36-160 through 36-164, to continue to possess and use such property.

**The full amendment to this ordinance may be viewed at the Romulus City Clerk's Office, 11111 Wayne Rd. Romulus, MI 48174, 734-942-7540.**

**CITY OF ROMULUS**
**ORDINANCE NO. 2017-020**

**ORDINANCE TO ADD CHAPTER 58, ARTICLE II OF THE ROMULUS CODE OF ORDINANCES A NEW SECTION TO PREVENT DISTRACTED DRIVING IN THE CITY OF ROMULUS.**

**THE CITY OF ROMULUS ORDAINS:**

**Section 1.** **Purpose.** It is the purpose of this ordinance to have operators of motor vehicles upon the roads within the City give their undivided attention to the operation of their motor vehicles.

**Section 2.** **Offense.** A person commits distracted driving if, while operating a motor vehicle, that person commits a moving violation while distracting their attention from the safe operation of the vehicle by some action of the operator within the vehicle.

**Section 3.** **Inclusions.** It shall be a rebuttable presumption that distracted driving shall include, but not be limited to: attending to personal hygiene, eating or drinking, reading, use of cellular telephone or computer, physically attending to a passenger or pet or observation of a video display, while operating a motor vehicle.

**Section 4.** **Definition of Motor Vehicle.** As used in this section, the term motor vehicle shall be defined as found in Section 33 of Act 300 of 1949 of the Michigan Vehicle Code, as amended, and shall include every vehicle contained in said Act that in its definition is termed a motor vehicle.

**Section 5.** **Violations.** Distracted driving constitutes a civil infraction and shall be processed as same, and any person found to have committed a civil infraction may be ordered to pay a civil fine of not more than $200.00 and Court costs.

**The full amendment to this ordinance may be viewed at the Romulus City Clerk's Office, 11111 Wayne Rd. Romulus, MI 48174, 734-942-7540.**

**CITY OF ROMULUS**
**ORDINANCE NO.2017-021**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF ROMULUS CODE OF ORDINANCES: ARTICLE VII TO ADD SECTIONS 8-238 TO 8-249 TO PROVIDE FOR REGISTRATION OF RENTAL PROPERTIES IN THE CITY.

THE CITY OF ROMULUS, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN HEREBY ORDAINS:

**8-238. Purpose and Intent.**

The City of Romulus recognizes the need for an organized inspection and registration program for rental properties located within the City in order to ensure rental units meet all applicable building, existing structures, fire, health, safety, and zoning codes, and to provide an efficient system for compelling both absentee and local landlords to correct violations and maintain, in proper condition, rental property within the City. The City recognizes that the most efficient system is the creation of a program requiring the registration and inspection of rental property within the City as defined in this Ordinance, so that orderly inspection schedules can be made by the City officials.

**Severability.** Should any section, clause or paragraph of these ordinances be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the same will not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or part thereof other than the part declared to be invalid, the same will not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or part thereof other than the part declared to be invalid.

**Effective date; publication.** This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon publication and a copy of the ordinance shall be available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne, Romulus, Michigan.

ADOPTED, APPROVED AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Romulus this 6th day of **November**, 2017.

LEROY D. BURCROFF, Mayor

ELLEN L. CRAIG-BRAGG, CMC, City Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing are true copies of the Ordinances as passed by the City Council of the City of Romulus at a regular Council meeting held in the City Council Chambers in said City on the 6th day of **November**, 2017.

ELLEN L. CRAIG-BRAGG, CMC, City Clerk

I further certify that the foregoing was published in the **Romulus Eagle,** a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Romulus on the 22nd day of **November**, **2017**.

ELLEN L. CRAIG-BRAGG, CMC, City Clerk

Within forty-five (45) days after publication of any ordinance duly passed by the Council, a petition may be presented to the Council protesting against such ordinance continuing in effect. Said petition shall contain the text of such ordinance and shall be signed by not less than six percent (6%) of the registered electors registered at the last preceding election at which a mayor of the City was elected. Said ordinance shall thereupon and thereby be suspended from operation and the Council shall immediately reconsider such ordinance.

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# Calendar of events

### Veterans post needs new home

The American Legion Westland Post 251 is in need of a temporary building or home the veterans could maintain including minor repair work, if needed, painting, maintenance of a parking lot and/or yard work.

The group would also pay utility bills at the home or building.

Anyone who may be able to help the veterans group is asked to contact Post Commander Bill Acton at (734) 776-5491.

Acton noted that the veterans are in need of assistance in finding a location for the post operations.

### 15th Annual Turkey Trot set

Work up an appetite for a good cause Thanksgiving morning by running or walking in Canton Leisure Services 15th annual Turkey Trot for a Cause. All ages are encouraged to join the fight against epilepsy by taking part in this chip-timed 5K event that will benefit the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan Thursday, Nov. 23.

The race is set to start at the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway, and will cover a flat course that winds through Heritage Park and Pheasant Run Golf Course. Register online or race morning at the Summit on the Park.

For additional information, contact the Canton Sports Center at (734) 483-5600.

### Underwater Bubble Show appears

Audiences can dive into an underwater fantasy world when "B-The Underwater Bubble Show" comes to The Village Theater at Cherry Hill. The underwater world is brought to life through puppetry, acrobatics, and a little magic. Two of the foremost bubble artists in the world, Enrico Pezzoli and Dace Pecoli, create an underwater fantasy world with the help of LED screens, lights, and signature bubbles. This unique performance is a sensational fairy-tale for the entire family.

Performances have been scheduled at both 2 and 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 25. Tickets are on sale now online at www.villagetheatercanton.com, at the box office from 10 a.m. until 2p.m. Monday through Friday or by phone at (734) 394-5484.

### Craft bazaar opens

The Annual Craft Bazaar and Open House is set for 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Dec. 2 at the Plymouth Historical Museum.

The admission-free Craft Bazaar is a holiday tradition in the community and will feature crafts including knitting, ceramics, jewelry and recycled art. Santa will be in attendance and visitors can also explore the special museum exhibit, Celebrating Plymouth-150 Years.

For more information, visit plymouthhistory.org.

### Baseball coach clinic set

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department will host a Baseball Coach Clinic from noon until 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2 at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Join Dan Wolocko PT, SCS, CSCS as he leads and moderates discussions with evidence-based support for a variety of coaching approaches and pitching techniques. Wolocko is a board-certified Clinical Specialist in sports physical therapy and a Strength and Conditioning Specialist through the National Strength and Conditioning Association. Cost is $40 for City of Plymouth residents and $42 for non-residents.

Registration is available online at www.ci.plymouth.mi.us or by calling (734) 455-6620, from 11:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

### Canton hosts tree lighting

The annual Tree Lighting event in Canton Township promises to be bigger and better than ever.

The celebration is set from 6-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6.

The official tree will be lit by the Summit on the Park at 6:30 p.m. and special festivities will take place both indoors and outdoors. There will be seasonal entertainment, kids' crafts, activities, refreshments, and visits with Santa.

The Tree Lighting is free of charge and open to the public.

For additional information, call (734) 394-5460.

### Identity theft seminar set

An attorney from the office of Attorney General Bill Schuette will discuss identity theft at a meeting set for 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6 hosted by City of Wayne Senior Services.

Highlights of the presentation will include identifying the signs of identity theft and fraud, ways to protect personal information online and off and what to do in case of identity theft.

To preregister for the free meeting, call Wayne Senior Services, (734) 721-7460 ext. 7. The meeting will take place at the HYPE Recreation Center, 4635 How Road at Annapolis in Wayne.

### Shopping day celebrates city

Christmas in Plymouth shopping day is planned for 5-9 p.m. Dec. 7 throughout downtown Plymouth. There will be carriage rides, wagon rides, caroling, music and a festive holiday atmosphere along with plenty of special holiday sales at both merchants and restaurants.

Santa and his live reindeer will appear, along with his elves.

For more information, visit plymouthmich.org.

### Christmas at the Capitol planned

State Sen. David Knezek will host Christmas at the Capitol for Inkster residents on Friday, Dec. 8.

Visitors will check in at the Booker T. Dozier Recreation Complex at 8 a.m. and the bus will depart for Lansing at 8:30 a.m. Arrival back at Inkster is expected at about 4:30 p.m.

The trip is free and includes transportation by chartered bus, a personal tour of the Michigan State Capitol with Knezek, phonographs on the Senate Floor, lunch and a t-shirt.

Those interested should RSVP to Denise Champagne at (313) 651-2382 and include their t-shirt size.

### Children's workshops planned

The Belleville Area Museum will offer Children's Christmas Ornament Workshops and photos with Santa at noon, 1:15 and 2:30 p.m. on Saturday Dec. 9 and again on Saturday, Dec. 16.

Reservations are strongly encouraged and required for groups. The cost is $2 per child.

The Belleville Area Museum, serving the communities of Belleville, Sumpter and Van Buren, is located at 405 Main St. in Belleville.

For reservations or information, call the museum at (734) 697-1944 or email kdallos@provide.net.

### History of Wayne is topic

John Mills, vice-president of the Wayne Historical Society, will discuss the history and background of Wayne during a 7 p.m. meeting Thursday, Dec. 14 at the museum.

He will discuss the ways political boundaries were carved out and share a new program to help members show pride in Wayne.

The museum is located at One Towne Square in Wayne.

### Holiday Pops concert set

The Michigan Philharmonic Orchestra will present the annual yuletide musical celebration, Holiday Pops with the Phil, from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14 at the Penn Theatre in Plymouth.

The theater is located at 760 Penniman in downtown Plymouth.

Tickets are priced from $10-$30. For information or to purchase tickets, call (734) 451-2112 or info@michiganphil.org.

### Miniature Masterpieces performed

The Michigan Philharmonic will perform chamber ensemble music performed by 14 players during the Miniature Masterpieces concert set for 2 p.m. at St. John's Chapel in Plymouth. The chapel is located at 574 S Sheldon Road in Plymouth.

For information or to purchase tickets, call (734) 451-2112 or info@michiganphil.org.

## Wells

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voice their concerns about the potential dangers of the increase. He says increasing the pressure of injection could lead to an increase in the capacity of the wells - and he fears that might lead to an environmental disaster.

Basham said he believes the proposed increase could potentially cause the wells to fracture, and thus spill the hazardous waste into the ground.

"The stakes are high and I hope residents and business owners will take the time to attend this meeting and voice their opinions," Basham said in a prepared press statement regarding the permit application. "I believe that increasing the injection pressure could increase the capacity of these wells, potentially spreading hazardous waste over a larger area at the expense of residents, businesses and others."

The wells are located near Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport, as well as several other businesses.

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